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To: []

5 November 1956

Fr: []

SUBJECT:

1. Subject, a former major in the SD, is the Hausmeister at 29 Neue Kraeme; he lives with his wife and 14 year old son in the apartment directly across the hall from our apartment. My wife and I meet him occasionally in the hall, and have visited him and his wife twice in their apartment. On 30 October, Frau handed an envelope to my wife and asked that she give it to me. The woman said she did not know what was in the envelope, but added that it was something her husband wanted me to consider.

2. As you already know, the envelope contained the attached letters which Subject had written on 30 October. Briefly, he states that because of his SS and SD background (from 1933 to 1945) he has certain knowledge of and connections with Hungary, Poland and Yugoslavia; he believes that these connections could be exploited now; and he would very much like to get in touch with the appropriate American authorities. After discussing this matter briefly with you and [], I talked with Subject in his apartment on the night of 31 October. His wife left the room, he poured Steinhaegers and champagne, and we discussed his request. I told him that, unfortunately, I was no longer in the Army as a soldier, that I was merely an administrative official with no direct contact with Army S-2 or with the American Consulate. I then asked him why he did not take this matter to the German authorities. He scowled and dismissed this rapidly with the comment that in things like this the Germans are children. He then talked, some more about his contact with U.S. Army intelligence in 1945, and about a few brushes with CIC in 1950 or 1951. At his instance or theirs, I am not sure which, he was met by a member of the local CIC outfit with the idea that he could, in some way, help them in some major undertaking. Subject claims that he lost interest when his time was spent only in long chats with the CIC agent.

3. At this point, I suggested to Subject that he go back to the CIC with the letter he had given me. He countered with the statement that he no longer knows anyone there, that they would probably doubt his sincerity, etc. He explained again that he had come to me with the letters because I am an American that he knows, who knows him, and might be able to help him. At this point I suggested the obvious, that I try and locate the appropriate CIC office, give them the letters, tell them what I know about Subject, and let them take the responsibility of getting in touch with Subject. He agreed readily to this proposal. We went on to talk of other things, never referring back to a date by which I would accomplish all this for him. I am sure, however, that Subject will expect to be contacted within the next few weeks.

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4. I believe that it would be worth our while to have someone contact Subject regarding the attached letters. The contact can be brief and to the point. Subject is intelligent and shrewd. He knows the intelligence game, apparently, and will be quite ready to be debriefed on his background and possible use in the present situation. Although he may have other reasons for writing the letters, I believe that the following are applicable: He is overworked, but bored, by his present job in a liquor and wine distributionship; he is disturbed by the events in Eastern Europe and believes that he might have something to contribute. He has two daughters married to Americans (both living in the States). He knows that the Americans are doing something about Eastern Europe, and that they might be able to use someone with his background.

5. COS has considerable information about Subject dating from his postwar interrogation by 3rd Army Intelligence. The following data is a summary of that information plus what I have learned about Subject:

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